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SUBJECT: DIMCHEV-GALFORD MARRIAGE CASE

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1. CONSUL LAST MET WITH ZDRAVKO BORISOV DIMCHEV ON MAY 23 AND LEARNED HE IN PROCESS OF PURSUING REQUEST WITH GOB FOR PERMISSION TO MARRY CORINE GALFORD. HE STATED THAT APPLICATION NOW ON FILE WITH GOB AUTHORITIES AND HE ATTEMPTING TO EXPEDITE PROCESSING. THUS, TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE HE STILL PLANS TO MARRY GALFORD, IF GOB PERMISSION OBTAINED. BASED ON EXPERIENCE OF OTHER WESTERN CONSULS IN SOFIA, PERMISSION FOR BULGARIAN MALE TO MARRY FOREIGNER MUCH MORE COMPLICATED AND TIME CONSUMING THAN FOR BULGARIAN FEMALE.

2. DURING MAY 23 INTERVIEW DIMCHEV NOTED HE NOT RECEIVING MAIL FROM GALFORD AND DID NOT KNOW REASON FOR PROBLEM. DURING MAY 27 TELEPHONE CALL GALFORD TOLD CONSUL THAT HER CALLS TO DIMCHEV NOT COMPLETED BECAUSE SHE TOLD THAT "HE NOT KNOWN" OR NO LONGER AVAILABLE AT NUMBER SHE USING. DURING NEXT DIMCHEV VISIT (WHICH WE EXPECT IN NEXT WEEK OR TWO) CONSUL WILL CONFIRM ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER DIMCHEV WISHES GALFORD
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3. AS DEPT MAY BE AWARE THIS VERY COMPLICATED CASE. DIMCHEV AND FORMER WIFE TRAVELLED LEGALLY AS TOURISTS TO AUSTRIA IN 1972, BUT REFUSED TO RETURN. THEY LEFT BEHIND A MINOR CHILD, GLORIA ZDRAVKOVA DIMCHEVA, WHO IS NOW TWELVE. EVENTUALLY THEY PROCESSED THROUGH VIENNA FOR ADMISSION TO US AND ENTERED AT

NEW YORK ON FEBRUARY 15, 1973. MRS. NADEZHDA STOYANOVA DIMCHEVA BECAME LONELY FOR CHILD AND RETURNED TO BULGARIA ON JANUARY 2, 1975 UNDER TERMS OF BULGARIAN AMNESTY OF 1974. DIMCHEV REMAINED IN US UNTIL HIS RETURN TO BULGARIA ON JANUARY 16, 1976. DIMCHEV RETURNED BECAUSE HE BELIEVED HE HAD OBLIGATION TO ASSIST WIFE AND DAUGHTER IN BULGARIA. ON JANUARY 1, 1977 DIMCHEV AND WIFE DIVORCED. BACKGROUND ON DIMCHEV CASE AVAILABLE FROM CHARLES BROWN AT INS, WASHINGTON.

4. DIMCHEV VISITS EMBASSY NEARLY ONCE A MONTH TO DISCUSS HIS PROBLEMS. WE WILL INFORM DEPT AFTER NEXT VISIT ABOUT AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT FORWARDED BY GALFORD. WE FEAR THAT EMBASSY ATTEMPTS TO TRACK HIM DOWN COULD PREJUDICE HIS APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO MARRY.
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